

NASBA



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2018 AWARDS PROGRAM

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William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award

Gaylen R. Hansen, CPA, of Evergreen, CO, is NASBA past chair 2012-13 and a former director-at-large, secretary and Mountain regional director of NASBA. Mr. Hansen is a member of NASBA's Past Chair Advisory Council, Regulatory Response Committee and Standard-Setting Advisory Committee.

Mr. Hansen is a former chair of NASBA's Ethics Committee, Nominating Committee, Strategic Professional Issues Committee, Past Chair Advisory Council and Standards Study Group, as well as a former member of NASBA's Global Strategies, International Regulators Conference, Relations with Member Boards and Strategic Initiatives Committees.

Recognized as a prominent voice in the accounting profession, Mr. Hansen is a frequent speaker and panelist at conferences, seminars and roundtables across the globe. He has represented NASBA on the AICPA Auditing Standards Board since 2016, and also serves as a NASBA representative on the IAASB and IESBA Consultative Advisory Groups (CAGs).

From 2007-13, he served on the PCAOB's Standing Advisory Group (SAG). In 2009, he chaired the joint NASBA/AICPA Firm Name Study Group, and from 2007-08, he served on the U.S. Treasury Department's Advisory Committee on the Auditing Profession (ACAP). From 1995-2012, Mr. Hansen represented NASBA on the AICPA's Professional Ethics Executive Committee (PEEC), and from 2006-12, he served on the PEEC Task Forces to recodify and revise the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct and the independence interpretation on non-attest services.

Mr. Hansen is a former member and chair of the Colorado State Board of Accountancy. His additional professional affiliations include the American Institute of CPAs, Colorado Society of CPAs and National Association of Corporate Directors. He is a 2014 recipient of the Colorado Society of CPAs Distinguished Service Award, member of *Accounting Today's* 2013 Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting and 2004 member of the *Denver Business Journal's* Who's Who in Law & Accounting.

Currently, he is an audit partner and director of quality assurance for EKS&H (*Plante Moran* – Oct. 2018), Colorado's largest public accounting firm. A graduate of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, he also holds an M.B.A. in international business from California State University, Fullerton. Mr. Hansen and his wife, Colleen Karford Hansen, enjoy spending time with their 16 beautiful, talented grandchildren.

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

Since 1988, candidates for the William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award are individuals who have earned recognition through their contributions to the public accounting profession. Prior candidates have led the development or improvement of programs for Boards of Accountancy, or influenced passage of rules or statutes to improve accountancy regulations and laws, with the goal of protecting the public.

2017 Thomas J. Sadler	2011 Sandra A. Suran	2005 Susan J. Reinardy	1999 Jerome P. Soloman	1993 Douglas Sprague
2016 Billy M. Atkinson	2010 K. Michael Conaway	2004 John M. Greene	1998 C. Hunter Jones	1992 Louis W. Dooner
2015 Samuel K. Cotterell	2009 Barton W. Baldwin	2003 Welling W. Fruehauf	1997 Jerome A. Schine	1991 John A. Baker
2014 David A Vaudt	2008 John B. Peace	2002 Noel P. Kirch	1996 Richard J. Goode	1990 A. Leighton Platt
2013 Diane M. Rubin	2007 Milton Brown	2001 Nathan T. Garrett	1995 Wilbert H. Schwotzer	1990 Louis W. Matusiak
2012 Michael D. Weatherwax	2006 Ronnie Rudd	2000 Thomas Iino	1994 Lorin H. Wilson	1989 Robert C. Ellyson



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HARRY O. PARSONS, CPA

NASBA Distinguished Service Award

Harry O. Parsons, CPA, is a former director-at-large (2010-16) and Mountain regional director (2007-10) of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), where he was also the first chair of the Enforcement Committee, served four years as chair of the redefined Enforcement Resources Committee and served two years as chair of the Ethics Committee. He also served as a member of NASBA's Awards Committee, Strategic Initiatives Committee (SIC) and on the first Communications Committee (that he initiated as a member on the SIC). Currently, he is a member of NASBA's Nominating Committee.

Mr. Parsons has served in numerous capacities as a 12-year member of the Nevada State Board of Accountancy. During his tenure with the Board, Mr. Parsons served as secretary-treasurer in 2004 and 2010 and Board president from 2004-05 and 2011-12. He continues to serve as one of the Board's investigators, a role he first began in 2014. In addition to his service to NASBA and the Nevada Board, Mr. Parsons also served a three-year term as a member of the Professional Ethics Executive Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). A continuous member of the AICPA and the Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants (NSCPA) since 1974, Mr. Parsons has received lifetime status in the AICPA. He served on the NSCPA Board of Directors until being requested to join the State Board of Accountancy. He was a founding member of the NSCPA Peer Review Committee and served as a technical reviewer for many years. In 1999, he received the Public Service Award from the NSCPA.

A native of Reno, Nevada, Mr. Parsons is the managing shareholder and audit principal for Pangborn & Co., Ltd., and a 1968 graduate of the University of Nevada where he earned a B.S. in accounting.

Mr. Parsons is heavily involved in community and civic organizations. He is a founding member, served as president for three years, and is the current emeritus director of Hot August Nights (a regional event formed in 1986 that now that annually brings in 40,000 visitors and 100 million dollars to the economy); founding director, past president and current treasurer of the Nevada Land Trust (preserving public space for wildlife protection and recreation and working with ranchers to develop conservation easements. NVLT has protected in excess of 34,000 acres since 1998); past president of the Rotary Club of Central Reno; past chairman of the Washoe County Parks Commission; past chairman of the Washoe County Board of Adjustment; founding board member of Care Chest of Sierra Nevada (providing medical services and products to in excess of 170,000 recipients over the past 25 years); founding treasurer of the Sky Tavern Junior Ski Program (providing low cost ski instruction to approximately 800 children per year); and while he was district commissioner of Northern Nevada Youth Soccer Association, he founded the Great Basin Youth Soccer League for northern Nevada and California. He also coached soccer teams for Reno High School, competitive youth all-star teams, and the Northern Nevada Select Under-14 soccer team.

Currently, Mr. Parsons serves on the Finance Committee of the First United Methodist Church in Reno, is a member in good standing of Reno Lodge # 13 F & AM, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, member of Kerak Temple order of the Shrine, and is currently a chapter advisor for the Reno Chapter of DeMolay where he is a past master councilor and holds the degree of Chevalier, the highest honor awarded in DeMolay. Mr. Parsons and Betsy, his wife of 49 years, are proud parents to three children and grandparents to 11 grandchildren.

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

Since 1999, recipients of the NASBA Distinguished Service Award are individuals who have demonstrated unswerving commitment and dedication to enhancing the mission of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.

2017 E. Kent Smoll	2013 Andrew L. DuBoff	2009 Ellis M. Dunkum	2005 Asa L. Hord	2001 Will J. Pugh
2016 Robert B. Cagnassola	2012 Charles W. Taylor	2008 Harold D. Hein	2004 Gerald W. Burns	2000 Bernard Blum
2015 Kenneth R. Odom	2011 Philip W. Gleason	2007 Charles H. Calhoun	2003 Janice B. Wilson-Marcum	1999 Leon K. Poché
2014 Richard Isserman	2010 Sheila M. Birch	2006 Jimmie Lee Mason	2002 Harris W. Widmer	



HARRY O. PARSONS, CPA

SUSAN L. SOMERS

Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award

Susan L. Somers is the executive director of the Kansas Board of Accountancy, a role she has held since 1996. Prior to joining the Kansas Board, she worked for six years as peer review manager, newsletter editor and building manager for the Kansas Society of CPAs.

Ms. Somers is an active participant in conferences and committees spearheaded by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). She currently serves as a member of NASBA's CBT Administration Committee and has agreed to serve on the workgroup that is studying and evaluating the proposed new pathway to becoming a CPA and alternatives to that proposal. Additionally, Ms. Somers is a former member of NASBA's Committee Resource Panel, Ethics Committee, Litigation Response and Assistance Committee and Uniform Accountancy Act Committee.

Passionate about the accounting profession, public protection and the role of State Boards of Accountancy, Ms. Somers has dedicated 22 years of devoted and enthusiastic service to the Kansas Board of Accountancy. She is highly respected by her peers and Board of Accountancy representatives for her vast knowledge of the rules, statutes and regulations related to the accounting profession, and for the proactive approach she takes to present issues and potential, long-term implications impacting State Boards of Accountancy, the Kansas Board and other interested groups.

During the past three years, Ms. Somers has been instrumental in bridging an unfortunate divide that emerged between the Kansas Board of Accountancy and the Kansas Society of CPAs. As a result of her ongoing outreach and facilitation of meetings with members of Kansas Society leadership to discuss current issues, the two groups once again have a positive working relationship—one which fosters collaboration for the betterment of the accounting profession in Kansas.

In addition to Ms. Somer's service to the Kansas Board and to NASBA, she also gives of her time and talent as a volunteer with The Topeka Club, Ronald McDonald House Charities, the American Cancer Society and the Topeka Ballet.

A native of Beckley, WV, Ms. Somers attended Clarks Business College and Washburn University, both located in Topeka, KS. She is the proud mother of one son, Brian, who serves in the U.S. Army, and proud grandmother to twin grandsons.

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

Since 2008, recipients of the Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award are state board executive staff leaders who show excellence in regulating and make a positive impact on the accounting profession.

2017
Nicole Kasin

2014
Viki A. Windfeldt

2011
Barbara R. Porter

2009
William Treacy

2016
Jim Abbott

2013
Richard C. Sweeney

2010
Daniel J. Dustin

2008
Carol Sigmann

2015
Daniel R. Sweetwood

2012
Robert N. Brooks



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2017-2018 AWARDS COMMITTEE

Recommend to the Board of Directors recipients of the Distinguished Service Award, William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award, and Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award.

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